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Political: Duvieusart said on radio last night government would take steps needed maintain order because an understanding could only be reached in peaceful atmosphere, and added King had been in Belgium only few days; he would see leaders of the different parties so as to have all viewpoints and be able take measures needed arrive at united policy. (This is interpreted as conciliatory gesture).

Socialist President Buset refused to see King yesterday and editorialized today that he would see King only to arrange abdication. Thus while PSC appears more conciliatory, Socialist are stiffening.

Strikes and disorders continued on scale reported EMBTEL 139, July 28. In addition, 75 percent Ghent textile workers reported out.

Belgian Army engineers will assure maintenance coal mines by manning pumps before damage becomes serious, if workers refuse do maintenance work themselves. Hundreds of indidents and minor disorders being reported to security authorities. Estimated total of 400,000 to 500,000 on strike.

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